(ग) व्यापारिक उद्देश्यों के लिये कितनी मात्रा में प्राकृतिक गैस की आपूर्ति किये जाने का विचार है ; और

(घ) इसमें से कितनी गैस बिना प्रयोग के जला दिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस संत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : (क) जी, हां । तेल और एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने मैसर्स इंडियन स्टील रोलिंग मिल्स नागापत्तनम को 12-2-88 से गैस की सप्लाई करना आरम्भ कर दिया है ।

(ख) इस समय सम्भावनापूर्ण तीन स्थानों से सम्बद्ध गैस का उत्पादन किया जा रहा है, यथा नारीमानम्, भूवनगिरी तथा कोविल-कल्लपल का रेखांकन किया जा रहा है तथा इन स्थानों के कुंओं की उत्पादकता का अनुमान लगाने के लिये इनके विस्तारित उत्पादन परीक्षण किये जा रहे हैं । इस बात को देखते हुये तथा इन स्थानों से उत्पादित की जा रही गैस सम्बद्ध गैस होती है कोई भी वार्षिक लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने मैसर्स इंडिया स्टील रोलिंग मिल्स, नागापत्तनम् को 4000 घन मीटर प्रतिदिन की दर से सम्बद्ध गैस सप्लाई करना आरम्भ कर दिया है इसे सितम्बर, 1988 से 8000 घन मीटर प्रतिदिन तक बढ़ाया जा सकता है । तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने सितम्बर, 1988 से 3000 घन मीटर प्रति दिन गैस की सप्लाई करने के लिए मैसर्स किरण सिलिकेट के साथ एक करार किया है । इसके अतिरिक्त तमिलनाडु बिजली बोर्ड को प्रति दिन लगभग 40,000 घन मीटर गैस की सप्लाई करने का वचन दिया गया है ।

(घ) जलाई जाने वाली गैस की मात्रा के बारे में जानकारी उसके प्रयोग पर निर्भर होगी तथा दूसरी ओर यह उपभोक्ताओं की उपलब्धता पर भी निर्भर होगी । इस समय कावेरी बेसिन से लगभग 42,000 घन मीटर गैस का प्रतिदिन उत्पादन होता है । उपर्युक्त (ग) में उल्लिखित पार्टियों द्वारा प्रयोग किये जाने के बाद बची शेष गैस को और अधिक उपभोक्ताओं का पता लगने तक जलाए जाने की सम्भावना है ।

Plastic Industry in Orissa

*480. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken some steps to promote the plastic industry; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OP INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir. These include measures to facilitate availability of raw materials to processing units, setting up of facilities for training and other services to plastics industries dissemination of information etc.

(b) The Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, Madras, has set up an extension centre at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa to meet the requirement of training facilities and other services to plastics industries.

Coal Supply to Kihand Super Thermal Power Station

3381. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first unit of NTPC's Rihand Super Thermal Power Station is likely to begin commercial operation around June, 1988 but Am-lori mines which are intended to supply coal to it are likely to be commissioned only in late 1992;

(b) what is the estimated extra expenditure likely to be incurred for

procuring the fuel for running the power plant till the supply from the said mines is available to meet its coal demand squarely; and

(c) when did the Amlori mines place orders for the coal handling equipment; what were the reasons for delay in placing the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE !Y OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The first unit of 500 MW of Rihand Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC is expected to come into commercial operation in 1988-39. The development of the Amlori coal mines of Northern Coalfields Ltd., linked to the Rihand STPS, has started recently and some output of coal is being realised. Regular production from the mine would start in 1990-91. The coal requirements of Rihand STPP would, in the meanwhile, be met from other mines in the Singrauli area.

For supply of coal from the mines in the Singrauli area, the merry go round railway systems of the power stations of NTPC are being strength-ned at an estimated cost of Rs. 12 crores which will also provide flexibility in the supply of coal to these super thermal power stations of NTPC in the Singrauli Area.

(c) Tenders for construction of the Coal Handling Plan (CHP) were invited in December, 1987 and would be finalised after evaluation of the bids received. The delay in award of work for the CHP has been mainly on account of the non-finalisation of the, site.

Payment by Cycle Corporation of India

3382. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Baleifih Division of the Public Sector Undertaking, Cycle Corporation of India Limited, Kanyapur, Asansol owes several lakhs of rupees to M/s. Cycle Corporation (Raleigh Division) Employees' Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited;

(b) if so, what is the total outstanding amount; and

(c) by when the dues are likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Cycle Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta, owes to the Cycle Corporation Employees' Cooperative Society, an amount of Rs. 5, 97, 788 as on 29-2-1988. Steps have been taken by the Company in consultation with the Society to liquidate the arrear.

Winding up of Calcutta Office of CCL

3383. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Office of CCL is in the process of being wound-up;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the present employees will be rendered surplus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arfi. se.

De-centralising procurement of stores in CCL

3384. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: WiU the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CCL has decided to de-centralise procurement of stores, inventories;